

**Table 45. Selected Operation and Operator Characteristics: 2012 and 2007**

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Item	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex
<b>F FARMS</b>				
Land in farms .....				
farms, 2012	2,451	863	374	1,214
2007	2,546	825	347	1,374
acres, 2012	508,652	172,251	64,169	272,232
2007	510,253	173,808	66,981	269,464
Harvested cropland .....				
farms, 2012	1,448	540	217	691
2007	1,615	507	245	863
acres, 2012	421,321	141,758	53,507	226,056
2007	409,468	139,259	46,813	223,396
<b>T TENURE</b>				
Full owners .....				
farms, 2012	1,666	610	267	789
2007	1,661	542	224	895
acres, 2012	111,472	48,636	13,254	49,582
2007	(D)	35,577	(D)	53,260
Harvested cropland .....				
farms, 2012	742	308	121	313
2007	801	251	140	410
acres, 2012	57,386	27,103	6,007	24,276
2007	48,025	16,189	3,555	28,281
Part owners .....				
farms, 2012	589	184	75	330
2007	630	187	69	374
acres, 2012	326,143	104,902	31,353	189,888
2007	342,275	124,206	31,989	186,080
Owned land in farms .....				
acres, 2012	125,251	34,764	8,530	81,957
2007	129,030	43,607	7,548	77,875
Rented land in farms .....				
acres, 2012	200,892	70,138	22,823	107,931
2007	213,245	80,599	24,441	108,205
Harvested cropland .....				
farms, 2012	565	182	65	318
2007	589	174	59	356
acres, 2012	295,274	96,709	28,582	169,983
2007	304,466	109,758	28,920	165,788
Tenants .....				
farms, 2012	196	69	32	95
2007	255	96	54	105
acres, 2012	71,037	18,713	19,562	32,762
2007	(D)	14,025	(D)	30,124
Harvested cropland .....				
farms, 2012	141	50	31	60
2007	225	82	46	97
acres, 2012	68,661	17,946	18,918	31,797
2007	56,977	13,312	14,338	29,327
<b>2012 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS</b>				
Total operators .....	number			
	3,855	1,324	613	1,918
Farms by number of operators:				
1 operator .....				
1,346	496	201	649	
2 operators .....				
872	296	129	447	
3 operators .....				
193	55	34	104	
4 operators .....				
27	12	5	10	
5 or more operators .....				
13	4	5	4	
Total women operators .....	number			
	1,232	435	214	583
Farms by number of women operators:				
1 operator .....				
1,046	361	154	531	
2 operators .....				
75	31	21	23	
3 operators .....				
8	4	2	2	
4 operators .....				
3	-	3	-	
5 or more operators .....				
-	-	-	-	
<b>2007 NUMBER OF ALL OPERATORS</b>				
Total operators .....	number			
	3,928	1,267	538	2,123
Farms by number of operators:				
1 operator .....				
1,451	478	192	781	
2 operators .....				
877	279	128	470	
3 operators .....				
173	53	23	97	
4 operators .....				
29	7	2	20	
5 or more operators .....				
16	8	2	6	
Total women operators .....	number			
	1,160	381	169	610
Farms by number of women operators:				
1 operator .....				
1,020	331	138	551	
2 operators .....				
55	18	14	23	
3 operators .....				
4	2	1	1	
4 operators .....				
2	2	-	-	
5 or more operators .....				
2	-	-	2	
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS</b>				
Sex of operator:				
Male .....				
farms, 2012	2,006	712	283	1,011
2007	2,137	674	293	1,170
acres, 2012	482,551	158,965	60,632	262,954
2007	(D)	(D)	64,248	256,516
Female .....				
farms, 2012	445	151	91	203
2007	409	151	54	204
acres, 2012	26,101	13,286	3,537	9,278
2007	(D)	(D)	2,733	12,948
Primary occupation:				
Farming .....				
2012	1,565	490	216	859
2007	1,504	482	173	849
Other .....				
2012	886	373	158	355
2007	1,042	343	174	525
Place of residence:				
On farm operated .....				
2012	1,954	693	322	939
2007	2,039	654	287	1,098
Not on farm operated .....				
2012	497	170	52	275
2007	507	171	60	276

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Item	Delaware	Kent	New Castle	Sussex	
<b>PRINCIPAL OPERATOR CHARACTERISTICS - Con.</b>					
Days worked off farm:					
None .....	2012 2007	1,366 1,126	468 344	204 146	694 636
Any .....	2012 2007	1,085 1,420	395 481	170 201	520 738
1 to 49 days .....	2012 2007	143 236	49 70	16 41	78 125
50 to 99 days .....	2012 2007	50 112	16 40	4 12	30 60
100 to 199 days .....	2012 2007	136 154	37 46	41 15	58 93
200 days or more .....	2012 2007	756 918	293 325	109 133	354 460
Years on present farm:					
2 years or less .....	2012 2007	54 102	12 48	14 16	28 38
3 or 4 years .....	2012 2007	88 143	31 49	16 14	41 80
5 to 9 years .....	2012 2007	302 418	133 185	45 57	124 176
10 years or more .....	2012 2007	2,007 1,883	687 543	299 260	1,021 1,080
Average years on present farm .....	2012 2007	23.8 21.9	22.5 19.5	23.1 20.8	24.9 23.7
Years operating any farm (see text):					
2 years or less .....	2012 2007	37 (NA)	6 (NA)	13 (NA)	18 (NA)
3 or 4 years .....	2012 2007	66 (NA)	23 (NA)	16 (NA)	27 (NA)
5 to 9 years .....	2012 2007	247 (NA)	109 (NA)	39 (NA)	99 (NA)
10 years or more .....	2012 2007	2,101 (NA)	725 (NA)	306 (NA)	1,070 (NA)
Average years on any farm .....	2012 2007	25.8 (NA)	24.4 (NA)	24.6 (NA)	27.1 (NA)
Age group:					
Under 25 years .....	2012 2007	5 31	1 24	- 2	4 5
25 to 34 years .....	2012 2007	105 101	37 58	16 6	52 37
35 to 44 years .....	2012 2007	233 355	97 99	26 47	110 209
45 to 54 years .....	2012 2007	575 718	212 260	79 92	284 366
55 to 59 years .....	2012 2007	338 384	116 102	64 57	158 225
60 to 64 years .....	2012 2007	375 325	94 107	72 37	209 181
65 to 69 years .....	2012 2007	335 301	143 82	45 42	147 177
70 years and over .....	2012 2007	485 331	163 93	72 64	250 174
Average age .....	2012 2007	58.4 55.4	58.1 53.4	59.0 57.8	58.4 55.9
<b>INTERNET ACCESS (SEE TEXT)</b>					
Internet access .....	2012 2007	1,676 1,499	580 466	247 205	849 828
Dial-up service .....	farms, 2012 farms, 2007	156 296	43 54	27 30	86 212
DSL service .....	farms, 2012 farms, 2007	482 213	166 85	46 96	270 32
Cable modem service .....	farms, 2012 farms, 2007	405 255	169 93	48 38	188 124
Fiber-optic service .....	farms, 2012 farms, 2007	47 17	16 10	16 -	15 7
<b>TYPE OF ORGANIZATION (SEE TEXT)</b>					
Operation with over 50 percent ownership interest held by operator and/or persons related to operator by blood/marriage/adoption .....	farms, 2012 acres, 2012	2,356 477,123	839 153,618	360 59,160	1,157 264,345
Limited Liability Corporation .....	farms, 2012 acres, 2012	190 60,378	54 21,044	30 5,707	106 33,627
<b>OPERATION'S LEGAL STATUS FOR TAX PURPOSES (SEE TEXT)</b>					
Family or individual .....	farms, 2012 acres, 2012	1,917 2,006	732 670	274 271	911 1,065
Partnership .....	farms, 2012 acres, 2012	264,023 275,087	99,989 94,045	41,127 36,840	122,907 144,202
Corporation:					
Family-held .....	farms, 2012 acres, 2012	161 210	55 74	28 22	78 114
Other than family held .....	farms, 2012 acres, 2012	78,919 80,861	39,748 45,695	9,801 3,685	29,370 31,481
Other - cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. ....	farms, 2012 acres, 2012	295 244	58 60	48 41	189 143
	2007	156,297	30,423	10,832	115,042
	2007	130,845	31,426	13,444	85,975
	2007	22	7	3	12
	2007	38	11	3	24
	2007	3,146	(D)	(D)	2,021
	2007	9,941	(D)	(D)	5,371
		56	11	21	24
		48	10	10	28
		6,267	(D)	(D)	2,892
		13,519	(D)	(D)	2,435